

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a regular and budget meeting of the **Brown County Public Safety Committee** was held on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 in Branch 7, Brown County Courthouse, 100 S. Jefferson Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

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**Present:** Chair Buckley, Supervisor Clancy, Supervisor Zima, Supervisor Evans  
**Excused:** Supervisor Nicholson  
**Also Present:** Public Safety Communications Director Cullen Peltier, Emergency Management Director Jerad Preston, District Attorney David Lasee, Sheriff John Gossage, Chief Deputy Todd Delain, Sheriff Accountant Don Hein, Judge Zuidmulder, Clerk of Courts John Vander Leest, Director of Administration Chad Weininger, Internal Auditor Dan Process, Finance Director David Ehlinger, County Executive Troy Streckenbach, Senior Accountant Sandy Parmer, Senior Human Resources Analyst Christina Connell; Human Services Director Erik Pritzl, Supervisors De Wane, Brusky, Hoyer, Linssen, Sieber; other interested parties and news media.

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*\*Audio of this meeting is available by contacting the County Board office at 920-448-4015*

**I. Call meeting to order.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Buckley at 4:30 pm.

**II. Approve/Modify Agenda.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Zima to take the non-budget items concurrently with the budget items. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**III. Approve/Modify Minutes of September 7, 2016.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Clancy, seconded by Supervisor Evans to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Comments from the Public** – None.

**\*\* BUDGET REVIEW \*\***

**REVIEW OF 2017 DEPARTMENT BUDGETS**

**1. District Attorney: Review of 2017 department budget.**

The District Attorney proposed budget is set forth on Pages 79-84 of the budget book.

District Attorney David Lasee and Office Manager Michele Andresen presented the District Attorney budget. Lasee said his budget is pretty much the same as it was last year and there is nothing earth shattering. The only thing that is different is the capital project for \$250,000. The DA's office will be working with TS to implement this program. The remainder of the budget is essentially the same as it has been for the past several years. Lasee thanked the Public Safety Committee and the Board for supporting the Drug Task Force position and the contract position. He said there will hopefully be significant press coming out in the next few weeks that will put some pressure on the State to get more prosecutors.

Evans recalled Streckenbach has indicated he will not raise taxes as that was his campaign promise, however, he noted that the DA's budget as well as a number of other budgets show transfers from the general fund. He asked how much money in the proposed 2017 budget is being taken from the general fund versus being budgeted for correctly through the tax roll. Weininger talked about the \$250,000 transfer from the general fund in the DA's budget and explained that they had planned on bonding for that, but when the Public Safety Committee discussed the project they decided they would try to do it in 2017 and instead of going out and bonding and paying more money in the long run, a decision was made to take \$250,000 from the general fund. Weininger said since this is a smaller project there would be savings by taking the funds from the general fund rather than taking out a loan for 8 years.

Weininger called the Committee's attention to page 301 of the budget book where a loan to the Library in the amount of \$300,000 is listed as well as a number of intrafund transfers out to Facility Management, Medical Examiner and Circuit Courts. These are all one-time small projects and therefore they are not bonded for.

Supervisor De Wane asked the DA if there was anything he needed that was taken out of the budget. Lasee responded that there was not. He did not ask for additional personnel in terms of attorneys from the County. He does need more lawyers, but that is a State budget request and he has made this request to the State every year but it has gone unanswered. Lasee will continue to make the request with the State and thanked De Wane for his concern and support.

**Motion made by Supervisor Clancy, seconded by Supervisor Evans to approve the District Attorney Budget. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2. Public Safety Communications: Review of 2017 department budget.**

The Public Safety Communications proposed budget is set forth on Pages 90-95 of the budget book.

Public Safety Communications Director Cullen Peltier presented the budget. He called the Committee's attention to the performance measures which indicate that over the past several years the call response time was about 1.72 seconds. This has changed to 3.0 seconds, a 74% increase. Peltier explained that they implemented their new phone system and the way calls are presented to employees and when the timer starts is different under the new system which is why an increase is shown. What happens is calls sit in que and the time in que is counted against the response time under the new phone system. Peltier has been working with the phone vendor to adjust this so next year the timing will come back down. He assured that call takers are still picking up the calls within 1 – 2 seconds of when they are presented to them, it is just a matter of how it is recorded.

Peltier also mentioned they have about a \$280,000 increase over the levy from last year and one of the primary parts of that was the phone system. He explained that last year it was under warranty and they only had to budget for a portion of the previous phone system (\$15,000) and this year the phone costs went up to \$124,000. In addition, they needed to get a new server to support the upcoming CAD project which was a significant cost and they also had to add a recording system which was missed when the radio upgrade was done. The remaining increases are in maintenance costs. There were also some costs added for the text to 911 which will be implemented by the end of the year.

Evans asked about the text to 911 and the reverse 911 notification initiatives. Peltier explained that when the program is up and running, people will be able to text 911 and it will be integrated with the normal call taking process and will include all of the same questions and services provided in phone calls. Emergency Management Director Jerad Preston talked about the reverse 911 and explained that Brown County has been without a mass notification/reverse 911 system to notify all County residents. RFQs for this went out and the project is currently in the appeal process of the bids. Once this is finalized later in the week the bidder will be picked and the program will be implemented. Preston thought the actual cost would be a little less than shown in the budget book. Evans asked how the public would be notified that they can take part in this program. Preston said he will be doing a lot of marketing and public service campaigns to let the residents know that this is available. There are a number of other counties in the state that already have this system and people who are already signed up in another county will automatically receive notifications from Brown County as well. Alerts will include things such as tornado warnings, water main breaks with water shut offs, etc. Evans asked if this would also include things like police calls and Preston responded that it would be strictly for emergencies or things like road closures. There is no cost for someone to sign up for the reverse 911 system.

Evans also asked about the succession plan development initiative. Peltier said that will include training people on systems and processes to ensure that the department continues to run as it should without major interruption in the event someone has to leave unexpectedly. Evans feels this is kind of policy and he does not like policies in budgets. He supports succession planning development in the private sector, but he does not consider what Peltier explained a succession plan. In the private sector, people are groomed to take other positions when necessary. In government, if someone has been trained to take over as part of a succession plan and a position comes open, the public does not get the opportunity to apply for the position and Evans feels this is a bad way to run government. He would rather this be

listed as continuum of care or cross training because this seems more like what Peltier explained. When it is listed as succession planning it is really closing the door for the opportunity for the public to apply for jobs in the County. Peltier understood where Evans was coming from but noted that they do go through the whole hiring process. Evans would like a motion that the succession planning be struck and ask that Peltier write up a little plan as to cross training instead. Clancy said if it's the same thing, it should not matter how it is referred to. Buckley added that it is good to have someone thinking ahead and trying to get someone trained to take over in a pinch, especially in this type of job where someone needs to know the equipment. Succession planning or whatever else you want to call it is appropriate in a number of jobs and he is glad to see that it is happening and he does not think this is a big deal. Evans said cross training and succession planning are two different things. Succession planning is training a person to take a specific position and Evans does not think this is right in government. Buckley disagreed and said a succession plan does not necessarily mean that when it comes down to the hiring process that the person gets the job. Evans feels employees who go through a succession plan and then do not get the job will not be happy and this is going to make other staff resist succession planning. On the other hand, Buckley felt that succession planning results in people taking interest in the position because it gives them a better opportunity to get the job.

Clancy asked how many texts come into the 911 Center. Peltier said there is not really a way to track it because currently if someone texts 911 they get a bounce back message that text to 911 is not available in this area. What he is seeing throughout the country though is that not a ton of text calls come in, but the reason it is being implemented is for situations like active shooter or hostage situations. Text to 911 is also a great advantage to the hearing impaired community. Peltier noted that texts would be available when coverage is poor which is also beneficial. Clancy asked if an operator disburses the texts to an available operator. Peltier explained that the text will come in and one person will deal with one text at a time, but anyone in the room can pick up a text call when it comes in. Clancy applauded Peltier for his efforts in getting this going.

**Motion made by Supervisor Zima, seconded by Supervisor Evans to remove the Succession Plan and refer the item back to staff. Vote taken. Ayes: Zima, Evans, Clancy Nay: Buckley. MOTION CARRIED 3 to 1**

**a. Resolution Approving New or Deleted Positions during the 2017 Budget Process in the Public Safety Communications Table of Organization.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to approve the Public Safety Communications budget as amended. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*At this time non-budget Items 4, 5, 6 & 7 were taken.*

**3. Medical Examiner: Review of 2017 department budget.**

The Medical Examiner proposed budget is set forth on Pages 85 - 90-of the budget book.

Director of Administration Chad Weininger presented the budget. He referred to Page 86 of the budget book and reported that this is the second year that the Brown County Medical Examiner's office will be partnering with Dane County. The initiatives of the Medical Examiner's office include continuing to strengthen partnerships with the District Attorney, law enforcement in Brown, Oconto and Door County and continuing to work with funeral homes on issues as they arise. The Medical Examiner will continue to look at potentially building a morgue in Brown County. Weininger recalled that last year they talked about having to have a certain number of autopsies to justify a morgue in Brown County and the numbers are there. He feels once they start looking at numbers they will find it would be more cost-effective for Brown County to have its own morgue and have a Medical Examiner stationed up here to provide services. The Medical Examiner's office will also continue to work on staff training and education in 2017 to enhance existing skill sets.

Weininger continued that one of the changes being proposed is increasing the deputy lead medicolegal investigation from roughly \$45,000 to \$50,000. One of the reasons for this is that it would be cheaper to pay the additional amount

to make that position exempt so they can work on salary as opposed to hourly. Further, a medicolegal investigator position has been added for better coverage as it has been difficult finding enough individuals on the per diem system. This may also allow Brown County to start sharing coverage with other counties. With that, there has been an offset of the medical examiner investigations fund which is the per diem fund.

Page 88 of the budget book shows the number of autopsies being performed in Brown County and Weininger explained that these numbers do not include hospice numbers. In the past the Medical Examiner investigated hospice deaths, but now those deaths are only investigate if there is reason to. Page 89 shows increases for travel and training and this is in relation to what was mentioned earlier with regard to enhanced training and certifications. Transportation expenses have also increased and this is transportation costs with current funeral homes. An RFQ has been sent out with regard to transportation costs which hopefully will save some dollars. Overall, things in the Medical Examiner's office are going well and they are looking forward to possibly expanding in 2017.

Zima asked how autopsies are being increased while the budget is being decreased. Weininger explained that the overall Medical Examiner's budget is increasing by about \$160,000. Realistically, the autopsy figures are based on the numbers that are projected. This year autopsies are far in excess of what they were projected at. Weininger said that Medical Examiner Barry Irmen did everything he could to manage the budget and get it where it needs to be.

**a. Resolution Approving New or Deleted Positions during the 2017 Budget Process in the Medical Examiner Table of Organization.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Zima, seconded by Supervisor Evans to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion made by Supervisor Clancy, seconded by Supervisor Evans to approve the Medical Examiner Budget. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Item 5 was taken at this time.*

**4. Sheriff: Review of 2017 department budget.**

The Sheriff's Department proposed budget is set forth on Pages 96 – 106 of the budget book.

Sheriff Gossage first talked about the resolution as it represents one of the biggest changes from last year's budget. Gossage explained that under the old system they had a Sergeant position in evidence. They have found that they get more efficiency in that position with someone with a two year degree in criminal forensics. This typically provides better technology and a better knowledge base and Gossage noted that the Green Bay Police Department has moved to this model as well. The offset is that the position will be moved over to the ICAC division. Gossage informed if the Department does not act on ICAC cases in a timely manner they can come back to haunt them if there is a re-offense by an individual and the Sheriff's Department did not act in a timely manner. He said they get a number of tips on child pornography, human trafficking, and child enticement and moving this position to that unit will increase efficiencies. Gossage further noted that there have been people at the State level who have lost their jobs for not looking into certain matters on a timely basis and he does not want to have similar issues here.

Evans asked if having a civilian evidence technician brings a greater liability to the Sheriff's Department. He feels there may be greater penalties against an officer than there would be against a civilian for something like destroying evidence on someone they know. Gossage responded that the chain of evidence is obviously very important and this is something that is supported by the Court system and further, there has been a civilian evidence manager at the Sheriff's Office for a while. It is more of a managerial/custodial type position as opposed to a law enforcement position. There has been a paradigm shift in looking at civilians doing these jobs because there really is not a law enforcement function other than it does tie into the judicial system. The Sheriff's Department still vets these people out and does background investigations and makes sure that they know they cannot share any information nor have contact with people involved in the cases.

With regard to the Criminal Intelligence Analyst position in the resolution, Evans noted that the resolution states, “should funding for the criminal intelligence analyst position be eliminated, the position will end and be eliminated from the Sheriff’s Department Table of Organization” and he questioned if the position was really needed. He said it seems like because there is money available the position will be funded, but if there was not money the position really would not be needed. Weininger said this is a grant funded position and the language referred to is standard language that is put on all grant funded positions and just means that if grant funds expire the position would be eliminated and the Sheriff would have to come back and ask for funds for the position. Gossage stated that these grant dollars are predicated on having a crime analysis on the Drug Task Force. The position is through the HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) program.

Evans referred to the intergovernmental revenue listed under summary highlights and in particular noted that with the closure of the juvenile pod and lack of bed space, boarding of prisoners revenue is down and asked if that refers to prisoners outside of Brown County. Gossage responded that that refers to federal inmates and explained that they take in as many federal inmates as they can because they bring in good revenue. Evans questioned if taking in these federal prisoners is at the expense of having an overcrowded jail. Gossage said that is something that has to be balanced and is similar to when he moved juveniles from the Juliet pod to the kilo pod which opened up bed days to help make things manageable. He continued that they budgeted for 17 federal inmates per day but they do not always have that many. Right now they have 10 federal inmates, but this is something that ebbs and flows. Gossage said that it behooves the County to house the federal inmates because it brings in quite a bit of revenue. Chief Deputy Todd Delain said that a lot of times cases start in Circuit Court and then go to Federal Court.

**a. Resolution Approving New or Deleted Positions during the 2017 Budget Process in the Sheriff’s Department Table of Organization.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to approve the Sheriff’s Budget. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*At this time non-budget Item 2 & 3 were taken.*

**5. Court System: Review of 2017 department budget.**

The Court System proposed budget is set forth on Pages 71 – 78 of the budget book.

Judge Zuidmulder presented the Court System budget on behalf of Judge Atkinson who was in Court. On behalf of the Judges, Judge Zuidmulder expressed appreciation to the Board for stepping up to give the support that the Courts need to do the jobs that they are elected to do. Wisconsin is one of the states that still has a bifurcated court system. In some states, all court functions are state funded. However, in Wisconsin there is an anomaly where the Circuit Court Judges and the Court Reporters are state constitutional officers paid by the State, but the ability to do their jobs is a function of the Clerk of Courts office and the assistance that the County gives and he expressed appreciation for that. The Judges are stakeholders in the community and are very responsive to any questions the Committee or Board may have about the manner in which the Judges can assist the County and be fiscally responsible. He is hopeful that the proposed budget will be approved as it is basically what they ask for each year.

Evans asked Judge Zuidmulder if there was anything specific that he was looking for. Judge Zuidmulder responded that there is nothing specific and the budget is pretty much the standard budget they have year after year.

Clerk of Courts John Vander Leest presented the Clerk of Courts portion of the budget and said it is pretty much status quo. He has deleted one position from the office and also had some turnover reduction as well as vacant positions. In addition, child support reimbursement has gone up a little bit and the property tax portion has gone down a little bit. Revenues are up and are projected to increase further in 2017. This is due in part to the efforts with regard to guardian ad litem payment hearings. Hearings are held monthly and this should continue to keep guardian ad litem revenue going in the right direction. Vander Leest also said there are items in the budget related to equipment. He

informed that e-filing is starting for the State of Wisconsin. The Federal Courts have been e-filing for over a decade, but the State has been a little behind. It will be mandatory in all counties of Wisconsin in 2017 to e-file small claims, civil, paternity or family cases if an attorney files more than 10 per year. Vander Leest also said all of the old case types will have to be scanned to be sure that everything is available. Civil cases can have hundreds of pages of documents which will need to be scanned and Vander Leest anticipates the first year will be trial and error. The majority of the new cases that come forward in 2017 will be electronic and will not have to be scanned.

Clancy asked how long Vander Leest's office is required to retain documents. Vander Leest responded that there are state statutes that govern how long files have to be retained based on the case type and noted that felony files have to be retained 75 years, but the others are less. Currently older files are stored at ARMS in De Pere or at the Sophie Beaumont Building. Once the files reach the retention period, they are destroyed.

Vander Leest continued that scanners for all Clerk of Courts staff are included in the budget initiatives. In addition, about half of the staff will be provided with dual monitors to increase the efficiency of the e-filing process. The second screen will allow e-filing to be kept open to monitor cases as they are filed. Vander Leest said the counties that have done this successfully feel this is the most efficient way to do it.

**Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to approve the Court System Budget. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **NON-BUDGET ITEMS**

1. **Review Minutes of Criminal Justice Coordinating Board (August 11, 2016).**

**Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **Sheriff**

2. **Sheriff Budget Adjustment Request (#16-83): Any allocation from a department's fund balance.**

Sheriff Gossage informed that this budget adjustment is to increase federal asset forfeiture which is money that is set aside to purchase technology items for the Drug Task Force. These expenses have been approved by the Drug Task Force oversight board and there are no attached levy dollars.

**Motion made by Supervisor Clancy, seconded by Supervisor Evans to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. **Sheriff's Report.**

Gossage reported that his Department continues to provide extra patrols at Fonferek's Glen and currently they have 19 additional patrols checking on the park. There was one OAR ticket as well as an ordinance citation issued at the park recently.

**Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Zima to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **Public Safety Communications**

4. **Public Safety Communications Budget Status Financial Report for August 2016.**

Public Safety Communications Director Cullen Peltier informed that his department is tracking well and the department should finish the year within budget.

**Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Zima to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. **Director's Report.**

Peltier informed that recruitment is closing for the Communications Specialist position. In addition, the first round of interviews has been conducted for the Emergency Management Coordinator position. They will be doing additional interviews of two candidates and the selected candidate will be chosen later in the week. Peltier also reported that the CAD project will be kicked off with the vendor on October 11 or 12.

**Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Zima to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Emergency Management**

6. **Emergency Management Budget Status Financial Report for August 2016.**

Emergency Management Director Jerad Preston indicated that his department is tracking where they need to be with regard to the budget.

**Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Zima to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7. **Director's Report.**

Preston reiterated what Peltier said regarding the Emergency Management Coordinator Position and said a hiring decision will be made by the end of the week. In addition, Emergency Management will be starting to get the ball rolling on the mass identification system in Brown County.

**Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Circuit Court, Commissioners, Probate**

8. **Circuit Court, Commissioners, Probate Budget Status Financial Report for August 2016.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Zima to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9. **Judicial Report.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Clerk of Courts**

10. **Clerk of Courts Budget Status Financial Report for August 2016.**

Clerk of Courts John Vander Leest reported that his office is in a better position than last year by about \$130,000. Revenues are up and expenses are down and although it will be tight making the budget, he felt that they should come in within \$50,000 of budget.

**Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

11. **Clerk's Report.**

Vander Leest thanked everyone for coming to the courthouse and indicated that it is one of the more historic courthouses in the Midwest. The tour included the Register in Probate Office, Clerk of Courts office, Court Commissioners Office and some of the courtrooms. He gave a short report on the renovation of the courthouse and said he would like to see the courthouse properly maintained and functioning because it is a historic building.

Vander Leest also informed that his office has been trying to locate an individual who had been in a motorcycle accident and had over \$13,000 in restitution coming. They could not locate her despite significant efforts, including Vander Leest personally going to her last known address to see if he could get any information. They finally tracked the individual down with the help of the Sheriff's Department and she will be presented with a \$13,000 check tomorrow. Vander Leest wanted to inform people of the importance of keeping their information updated for situations like this.

**Motion made by Supervisor Zima, seconded by Supervisor Evans to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Communications**

12. **Communication from Supervisor Erickson re: Get day report center operating. Waukesha Co. saw an improvement of 15-20% reduction in their jail population. Increase diversion program. Do we have to add any additional staff to this program? Municipal warrants are entered for failure to pay on very low bond amounts. How is this determined? Brown Co. is at \$500.00 for non-payment. Can Brown Co. and the Sheriff ask municipalities to raise the amount or provide their own facility for such low bond amounts? Address Municipal Courts low warrants for failure to pay. Are these warrants still active? Send juveniles to state facility rather than expand the jail space. Look into a Scared Straight program. Stagger time served in jail if a month is partially full. Ex. Half now and half in 120 days. Discussion on report dates to jail. Move to Monday mid-morning, instead of Fridays. Find a better solution for OAR (operating after revocation) and OAS (operating after suspension) for non-appearances and payment hearings. This may eliminate 2-5 lock ups per week. Monthly reporting of Jail population to the judicial system – DA's office, Judges and Court Commissioners. *Referred from September County Board.***

Evans informed that he had talked to Supervisor Erickson about this and it was requested that this be sent to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Board.

Zima felt that everything in this communication needs to be looked into and asked the Sheriff if he talked to anyone in Waukesha County about their reduction in jail population upon opening a day report center. Human Services Director Erik Pritzl stated that Brown County day report center contract has been awarded to Family Service and they are hopeful to have the day report center operational by mid-November. Buckley asked who the day report center will serve and Pritzl responded that low risk offenders and treatment court participants will be served by the day report center. They will also be seeking input from judicial system partners because Family Services will have their standard protocols and procedures to be sure that people are properly monitored. Pritzl said offenders will all get an assessment to see if they are appropriate for the day report center. Buckley said his concern is that the County seems to be doing a lot of different things other than locking people up. There is a lot of theft going on now and Buckley does not think the penalties are harsh enough and he does not necessarily think a day report center is the answer. He wants to be sure that people are actually penalized for committing crimes and are not just being given a place to hang out.

Zima would like the Sheriff to come back at a future meeting with responses to some of the things in this communication.

**Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to refer to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Board. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

13. **Communication from Supervisor De Wane re: To look at funding the D.A.R.E. Program for one year, while they get their much needed program back on the ground. *Referred from Sept County Board.***

Zima asked what the status of the D.A.R.E. program currently is. Gossage responded that they currently have one officer working in this capacity and noted that they used to have two. They cut back to one officer after the parking revenue was lost in an effort to sustain the program longer. There is currently \$627,000 in the D.A.R.E. fund and the oversight is through the Crime Prevention Foundation of Brown County. The cost for one officer and all of the programming costs such as workbooks and tee shirts comes to about \$125,000 per year. One officer is able to address about 1000 students in a year.



De Wane said he brought this forward because counselors and principals in the schools tell of the benefits of the D.A.R.E. program. There are large differences in the development of kids who do not go through the program compared to kids who do. De Wane feels with the loss of parking revenue it is only a matter of time before we have to look at ways to fund this. The way it worked before, even with the parking, they did fundraising. After what happened, people have lost confidence in this program. De Wane feels not enough kids are being served by the program with only one officer and he would like to see this brought back up to two officers. He is looking for this to be funded for one year so that more kids can be served and also allow time to do fundraising to keep the program going. He feels the benefits of the D.A.R.E program are tremendous and losing the program would be a great loss. De Wane has been through a number of budget seasons and has confidence in the Sheriff's Department and what they are doing and feels they will be able to find other ways to fund the D.A.R.E. program. He feels it would be a tremendous mistake to not stay on top of this and keep the program running. Gossage said that the D.A.R.E. officer is typically more of a senior level position and the position runs about \$97,000 for salary and fringe. The other costs are for workbooks and tee shirts for the kids and other things like that.

Clancy asked if the D.A.R.E. officer has to be a senior officer or if someone with a lower salary could do the job. Gossage replied that they interview for the positions and for the most part the people who are interviewed have been with the agency for quite a while and have extensive knowledge and experience they can pass on to the kids.

Evans appreciated De Wane bringing this forward. In light of what happened with the former D.A.R.E. officer, he feels Brown County needs to show good faith to the community that we can run this program effectively, properly and efficiently. He supports what De Wane says and feels this program received a huge black eye from the former officer. As a County, we need to turn this around and show the population that D.A.R.E. is a good program and that it will be managed appropriately and that we are serious about the program.

Zima asked if a position would need to be added for this. Gossage said that if a position were added, it would have to be funded. Zima noted that restitution was ordered in the court case and asked if those funds were received. Gossage said that \$30,000 in restitution was received from Officer Van and Fuller paid \$3,500 and these amounts are included in the \$627,000 balance. He said money could be accessed for a second officer, but he has not put another officer on the program in an attempt to keep the program running as long as possible until some other funding mechanism can be found. Zima asked what the process would be to add money for a second position. Gossage said he would make a written request to the Greater Green Bay Foundation after talking to the Crime Prevention Foundation Board. The annual budget for two officers would be \$250,000 and at this time there is nothing funded on the tax levy. Zima asked if there was a reason not to add a second officer. Gossage said he fully supports the D.A.R.E. program and fully supports all of the initiatives with it; he was just trying to make the money last as long as possible to serve the most amount of kids. He explained that there is no longer parking revenue because of the building going on where the parking used to be. Gossage continued that he has talked to the Packers about this and explained that it was an important program but he was informed that the Packers felt that this is something that the County should be responsible for and it should be on the tax levy.

Buckley feels if levy dollars are allocated to this, a discussion should be had if we went to stick with the D.A.R.E. program or if there are any other programs that may be more beneficial. Zima asked if we could get a resolution from the County asking the Packers to fund the program for one year until the program gets back on its feet. If that did not work, we can pay for it out of the fund. De Wane said that when this moved forward, he asked how many officers were involved and was informed that they were down to one D.A.R.E. officer. The reason De Wane asked for funding for one year is to give time to look for some other revenue source. Currently there is enough money for six more years of the program and then we will be in the same position as we are in now. If one officer was added on the levy, the program could continue on while alternative funding is looked for.

Buckley asked if it is too late to train an officer for the 2016-2017 school year. Gossage said that the training is infrequent and he sees this as something that would go into effect in the 2017-2018 school year. If this is the case, perhaps only half of the funds would be needed in the 2017 budget. Zima would like to see the full amount put in the budget to be used for the second semester of this school year and the first semester of the next school year.

Evans feels this goes back to what he said earlier about saving face and said there are ways to generate dollars for the program. He thinks the funds to continue the program should be taken out of the fund that is already in place. He

feels the program needs a restart, and once it is restarted other avenues will come for generating income. Gossage said that to cover the rest of this school year, he can take dollars out of the fund to add another officer. Evans would like to see another officer added January 1. Gossage can train someone and have them in place for January 1. Evans suggested using the dollars that are already available rather than taking it from the levy. De Wane said his goal is to save the existing funds as long as possible. He is asking for one levy position to help the program as he feels it gives an opportunity to show faith, and also allows the opportunity to continue to look for alternative funding. Evans prefers the money to come from the fund, but he does not have a huge problem with it coming from the levy either because the program needs to get back on track so the citizens can see we have a good D.A.R.E. program that works.

Clancy would vote for the additional position and said that if something is not done right away, we will start losing the program again. Buckley asked if the D.A.R.E. program is the one we went to use. Gossage feels there is value in the program for the students and teachers. It hits 57 schools in Brown County so not only the rural schools are served, but also those in Green Bay.

Supervisor Sieber noted that the County Board does not have control over the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation money; the Sheriff does. The Board can ask the Sheriff to take the money out of the Foundation, but cannot make him take the money out of there. If it were levy funded, the Sheriff would put the position in his budget.

Supervisor Hoyer asked what the realities of hiring someone for this position would be and if at the end of the year if the person would just become part of the Department if the position was not funded again. Gossage said that the individual would be trained and would become part of the ranks. Through attrition, they usually have vacancies so if D.A.R.E. were not funded, that person could be put into a vacant position and still use the training they received.

Zima said he just received information from Administration that we are \$3.9 million dollars below the levy limits yet we are sitting here depriving the community of programs they need to keep the jail empty, etc. The artificial zero increase budgets become annoying. Zima said the County is not anywhere near the levy limits and there is room to do things if we want.

Evans said there is \$3,982,578 that we can use but in the Executive's budget there is \$1,147,725 that is being taken from the general fund which is an accounting trick to put into the budget to say he's not raising taxes and not bonding and Evans and Zima both feel this is trickery. Zima also feels that with interest rates as low as they are, now is the time to get done what needs to get done. Buckley added that just because the State says there is money does not mean we have to spend it. Zima said that's a given, and in most years we were so tight to the levy limit but now there is money to spare and we should not be overly sweating if there is something that really needs to be done. From a taxpayer standpoint, Buckley thinks we need to mind our budget. In this day and age there is more technology that allows us to do more with less and that is what government should be doing. Zima pointed out there are waiting lists for all sorts of County program and we are sitting here being the Grinch. Evans added that preventative programs work. He cannot say how many kids will not do drugs because of the D.A.R.E. program and that makes it a little difficult for some to support, but he is absolutely in support of this because it is proven that prevention programs work.

**Motion made by Supervisor Zima, seconded by Supervisor Evans to reconsider the Sheriff's budget. Vote taken.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion made by Supervisor Zima, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to add \$100,000 to the Sheriff's budget for the purpose of funding a D.A.R.E position. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion made by Supervisor Zima, seconded by Supervisor Evans to approve the budget as amended. Vote taken.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion made by Supervisor Zima, seconded by Supervisor Clancy that the Sheriff prepare a resolution requesting the Packers to fund the other position equal to what the County is adding to the levy. Vote taken. Ayes: Buckley, Clancy, Zima Abstain: Evans. MOTION CARRIED**

14. **Communication from Supervisor Buckley re: Request that the Human Services Director attend the next Public Safety meeting to explain how an inmate escaped from the secure portion of the CTC Center. *Held for one month.***

Human Services Director Erik Pritzl and Hospital Administrator Luke Schubert were present. They informed the physical solution would be to look at the fencing. Luke Schubert has been working with Winnebago Mental Health Institute who made fencing modifications a few years ago and found their elopements reduced significantly. The vendor that Winnebago County used has come to Brown County to discuss this and Pritzl noted that he would have to work with Purchasing to get quotes. It would not be a significant investment in terms of overall dollars, and it seems that it would prevent this from happening again in the future based on experiences of other facilities. Pritzl also said they are bringing this to an EM1 workgroup and will talk about what the notification is when someone is in dual detention status and how they communicate with law enforcement when discharge is going to occur. This would need a policy change and Pritzl feels the EM1 workgroup would be where this should be worked out.

**Motion made by Supervisor Zima, seconded by Supervisor Evans to hold until January. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

15. **Resolution to Approve Legislation Allowing Counties to Seize Drunk Drivers' Vehicles. *Sept Motion: To refer to the Clerk of Courts to obtain the numbers requested.***

**Motion made by Supervisor Zima, seconded by Supervisor Evans to hold until December. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**District Attorney, Medical Examiner – No agenda items.**

**Other**

16. **Audit of bills.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Zima, seconded by Supervisor Evans to pay the bills. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

17. **Such other matters as authorized by law.**

18. **Adjourn.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Clancy to adjourn at 6: 24 pm. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully submitted,

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